

Goodwin and Busby Leaving Johnson Staff

The White House today announced the resignation of two of President Johnson's special assistants, Richard N. Goodwin and Horace Busby Jr.

Goodwin, who has been one of the President's principal speechwriters and an adviser on civil rights, social and economic problems, will leave Sept. 20.

Busby, secretary to the cabinet and deputy to foreign affairs adviser McGeorge Bundy, will leave Oct. 1.

Press Secretary Bill D. Moyers said Goodwin is leaving the White House staff for "compelling personal reasons" and will enter research work at the Center for Advanced Studies at

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

Busby, who has been an aide to Johnson off and on for 18 years, will return to the management consultant field in Washington, Moyers said.

His post as one of the 14 authorized White House special assistants temporarily will remain vacant, Moyers said.

Goodwin's place will be taken by Harry McPherson, already a special assistant to the President and a former assistant secretary of state for educational and cultural affairs.

McPherson, 36, a native of Tyler, Tex., had long experience as counsel for the Senate Policy Committee and was a deputy undersecretary of the Army in 1963 and 1964. His White House tasks so far have included legal and general assignments.

Goodwin, 34, a native of Massachusetts, was a clerk to the late Justice Felix Frankfurter after his graduation from Harvard and enjoyed a meteoric rise after he arrived in Washington in 1958.

He moved from the staff of the House Committee on Legislative Oversight to become an aide to John F. Kennedy during the late President's 1960 campaign. After the election, Goodwin became an important member of Kennedy's closely knit group of policy advisers, specializing in Latin American affairs.

He came under considerable fire from critics during his role as a Latin policymaker, both on the Kennedy staff and later as a deputy assistant secretary of state.

Goodwin returned to the White House to work for Johnson, principally as a skilled speechwriter in early 1964.

Busby, 41, worked for Johnson when the latter was a senator and vice president. His latest role has been as key liaison man between the President and members of the cabinet.